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Applicant(s):	RICHARD D. GUARINO et al.		
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Title:	ENVIRONMENTS THAT MAINTAIN FUNCTION OF PRIMARY LIVER CELLS		
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Examiner:	AFREMOVA, VERA		
Docket No.:	P-6186		

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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, dated October 25, 2005, the period for response being one month, the following is respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. A petition for a 1-month extension of time is included herewith. Please enter the preliminary amendment and consider the remarks.

Amendments to Claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 6.